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2007 LINCOLN READING LIST

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The Bicentennial of Lincoln's birth is coming up in February, 2009, so this is the perfect time to catch up on reading about his life, legacy, and times.

The following list provides lots of good choices. There is something for everyone, but it is certainly not an all inclusive list. You will want to preview every title for appropriateness of content, interest, and reading level before selecting it for young or teen readers.

Pre-School to Grade 3

Historical Fiction and Fiction

A. Lincoln and Me – Louise W. Bordon, Ted Lewin (illus.)

Abe Lincoln and the Muddy Pig – Stephen Krensky, Cresham Griffith

Abe Lincoln's Hat – Martha Brenner, Donald Cook (illus.)

Grace's Letter to Lincoln – Connie Roop

Honest Abe - Edith Kunhardt

Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers - Karen B. Winnick (illus.)

Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt – Deborah Hopkinson, James Ransome (illus.)

Nonfiction and Biography

Abraham Lincoln – Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire

Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books - Kay Winters, Nancy Carpenter (illus.)

Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington, 1837-1863 – Cheryl Harness

Abe Lincoln Remembers – Ann Turner, Wendell Minor (illus.)

Lincoln's Legacy: Blast to the Past - Stacia Deutsch, Rhody Cohon, David Wenzel (illus.)

Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving – Laurie Halse Anderson, Matt Faulkner Young Abe Lincoln – Cheryl Harness

Grades 4 - 8

Historical Fiction and Fiction

Across Five Aprils - Irene Hunt
After the Rain: Virginia's Diary, Book Two, Washington D.C., 1864 – Mary Pope Osborne
Amos Fortune, Free Man – Elizabeth Yates
Bull Run - Paul Fleischman
Letters from Vinnie – Maureen Stack Sappey
Mr. Lincoln's Drummer – G. Clifton Wisler

Nonfiction and Biography

Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters – Harold Holzer

Don't Know Much About Abraham Lincoln – Kenneth C. Davis, Rob Shepperson

Don't Know Much About the Civil War - Kenneth C. Davis

Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth & John Wilkes Booth - James Cross Giblin

Lincoln: A Photobiography - Russell Freeman

The Lincoln Memorial - Hal Marcovitz

No Better Hope: What the Lincoln Memorial Means to America - Brent K. Ashabranner

Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails: The Untold Story of How Abraham Lincoln Used the Telegraph to Win the Civil War – Tom Wheeler

Grades 9 – 12 and Adult

Historical Fiction and Fiction

Cold Mountain – Charles Frazier
The Emancipator's Wife - Barbara Hambly
Fire by Night - Lynn Austin
The Friendly Persuasion – Jessamyn West
The Killer Angels – Michael Shaara
The Red Badge of Courage - Stephen Crane

Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith Shiloh: A Novel – Shelby Foote

Nonfiction and Biography

100 Essential Lincoln Books - Michael Burkhimer

Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years – Carl Sandburg
The Assassination of Lincoln: History and Myth - Lloyd Lewis, Mark Neely
The Civil War: An Illustrated History – Geoffrey C. Ward, Ric Burns, Ken Burns

Civil War Railroads: A Pictorial Story of the War Between the States, 1861-1865 – George B. Abdill

Conversations With Lincoln - Charles M. Segel, David Donald

The Day Lincoln Was Shot – Jim Bishop

Fleeing for Freedom: Stories of the Underground Railroad as Told by Levi Coffin and William Still-George Hendrick

John Wilkes Booth: A Sister's Memoir - Asia Booth Clarke

Hope and Glory: Essays on the Legacy of the 4th Massachusetts Regiment – Martin Henry Blatt, Thomas J. Brown, Donald Yacovone (Eds.)

Lincoln - David Herbert Donald

Lincoln: A Life of Purpose and Power - Richard Carwardine

Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words That Remade America - Garry Wills

Lincoln's Sword: The Presidency and the Power of Words - Douglas L. Wilson

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln - Doris Kearns Goodwin

The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln: As Reflected in His Letters and Speeches – H. Jack Lang, Abraham Lincoln